

Hamilton Field,
Engineering Storage Structures
(Facility Nos. 837, 838, 839)

HABS No. CA-2398-BX

North of Skeet Range Road behind Facility No. 836
Novato
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U.S.G.S.: Novato, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1954 (revised 1980)
Petaluma Point, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1959 (revised 1980)
UTM Coordinates: Zone 10; A: 542100/4213620; B: 544720/4212220;
C: 542760/4210650; D: 541040/4212600

Significance:

Buildings 837, 838, and 839 are considered significant for their association with Air Force history in northern California, and with World War II actions in the Pacific Theater. These storage sheds served as support buildings for the Civil Engineering Division, which maintained base facilities. They are the only permanent structures in the base engineering group.

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) for a comprehensive Statement of Significance and individual report HABS No. CA-2398-A for a condensed Statement of Significance.

Description:

These small concrete block storage sheds are only 10 by 20 feet and have composition shed roofs. The structures have no windows and one wood panel shed door. Facility No. 837 has a small concrete slab addition to the rear that is covered by a metal awning. All are one room and were used for tool and equipment storage.

Historical Context:

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) and Section B in report HABS No. CA-2398-F.

These three sheds were built in November 1943 for \$821.76 each. They were used for equipment storage for the base civil engineering complex.

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Sources:

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See the project Field Record, roll 48, exposures 1-2; and roll 93, exposures 9-10.

The line drawn sketches were drafted on site in 1994 by Keith Syda, scanned into a computer and drawn by Christopher MacDonald in 1995, and corrected and finalized by Claire Warshaw in 1996 (all PAR Environmental Services, Inc. staff).

Project Information:

Hamilton Army Air Field is owned by various federal entities including the Department of the Navy, Department of the Army, United States Coast Guard, and General Services Administration. The Army/GSA parcels are being excessed and sold to private developers. The Navy housing is included in Base Closure and Realignment actions.

As part of the Army's undertaking, it has been determined in consultation with the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) that the excess sale will have an affect on properties at the airfield, and that these properties are components of a district that is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Based on consultation with the OHP and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, pursuant to 36 CFR part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f), a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was entered into by the interested parties in March 1994. The agreement stipulated that prior to excess sale the Army must contact the HABS/HAER division at the Western Regional Office of the National Park Service, San Francisco, California, to determine the appropriate level and kind of recordation for the subject properties. The MOA further stipulated that copies of the documentation be made available to the OHP and appropriate local archives designated by the OHP. This recordation has been prepared in order to meet those stipulations.

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